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FIRST DAY.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, January 13, 1885.

The election of Speaker being in order,
The Hon. L. L. Foster, Hon. A. T. McKinney,
Hon. W. F. Upton, and Hon. M. Tankersly were
placed in nomination.

Mr. Tankersly withdrew his name before the bal-
loting began.

The first ballot stood as follows, viz.:

L. L. Foster.....	45
W. F. Upton.....	30
A. T. McKinney.....	24

No one having received a majority of the votes
cast,

A second ballot was ordered, resulting as follows:

A. L. Foster.....	49
W. F. Upton.....	41
L. T. McKinney.....	14

Again no one having received a majority of all
the votes cast,

A third ballot was ordered.

Before the ballot was taken

Mr. McKinney withdrew his name from the can-
vass.

The third ballot resulted as follows:

L. L. Foster.....	56
W. F. Upton.....	40

Mr. Foster of Limestone having received a ma-
jority of the votes, was declared elected.

The Secretary of State appointed Messrs. Upton,
McKinney and Tankersly a committee to escort the
Speaker elect to the chair.

After having the oath of office administered by
the Acting Chief Clerk, J. W. Booth,

The Speaker addressed the House as follows :

Representatives of the people of Texas: Allow me, upon tak-
ing the chair, to return to you my heartfelt thanks for the
high honor you have conferred upon me in selecting me as
your presiding officer. I assure you that I shall endeavor to
the best of my ability, to be fair and impartial in the discharge
of the important duties of Speaker of the Nineteenth Legisla-
ture. In the preservation of good order, and in the dispatch
of business, much I admit depends upon the ability of the
presiding officer, but however capable he may be, he cannot
hope to succeed without the hearty co-operation and assist-
ance of those who have conferred this honor upon him, and I
therefore invoke the aid of each and every member for the
maintenance of good order, to preserve the dignity of the
House, and to pass such laws as are needed within the shortest
period of time possible.

I have been opposed in this race by honorable competitors,
who had an honorable ambition to be elected; both of them
men who by age, by long residence in Texas, and long experi-
ence in public life, are eminently qualified for the duties of this
position. I feel it to be my duty to here express the highest
esteem for both of these gentlemen. I feel it is my duty here to
congratulate you and the friends of the various candidates
that although this contest has been an earnest one, and though
members have zealously supported their favorites, we have
passed through the contest without any bitterness of feeling.
So far as I am concerned, I shall entertain the same friendly
feelings for each and every member that I did before the con-
test; and in so far as it in my ability lies, I shall know no
section, no party, no faction, to the exclusion of other interests
of equal merit, but will discharge my duties to the best of my
ability, fairly and impartially, to the best interests of the
State of Texas in its entirety.